

In the specification:

Please replace the paragraph at page 31, line 30 over to page 32, line 3 with the following:

The 320 kb region on the top of chromosome 4 between RFLP markers mi51 and CC27P11 was covered by a physical map comprising of yeast artificial chromosome (YAC) clones (Clarke and Dean, 1994). Bacterial artificial chromosome clones (BACs) were integrated into this map through the efforts of scientists at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory USA (~~<http://www.cshl.org/protarab/chrom4map.htm>~~) and Washington University USA (~~<http://genome.wustl.edu/gsc/arab/arabidopsis.html>~~). The physical map of the genomic region covering the FRI from the Arabidopsis Columbia ecotype is shown in Fig. 1.

Please amend the paragraph bridging pages 39-40 (page 39, line 35 to page 40, line 3) to read:

Premature bolting in potato ~~diverts the partitioning of~~ significantly reduces tuber yield. Accordingly, plants which have an extended vegetative phase are desirable over those which do not.